

Thursday, April 9, 1998

LSU in Shreveport

Volume 33, Number 8

## Fee committee will ask for more student input

Byron Reeves  
ALMAGEST

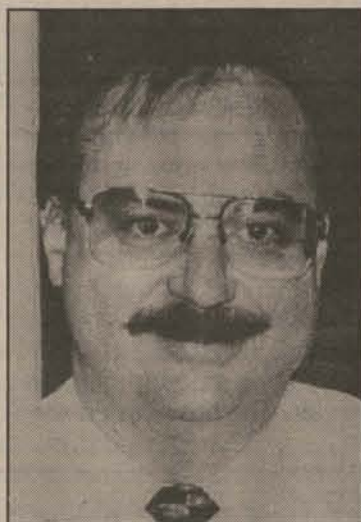
Most of you are grumbling over that \$5 per credit hour fee tacked on to admission fees, right? Soon you'll have a chance to decide how it's spent.

During the week of April 13, the *Almagest* expects to have a news release from the Tech Fee Committee (TFC), announcing applications for students' e-mail addresses and requesting feedback from students about how they want the fee used.

TFC Chairman Shelby Keith said suggestions were taken from students in March, and student representatives to the committee made recommendations which should be approved "around April 21," according to Keith.

"Proposals were turned in to us in the fall for the full academic year...they are in the process," Keith said.

So far, the tech fee has been used to buy new computers in the library, the education and science labs and student workers



Shelby Keith

were hired to work the longer hours the labs are now open.

Keith also said that upgrades were made to machines in the biology area.

The faculty at LSUS makes suggestions once a year, but the TFC has more frequent opportunities to make suggestions. The committee will make the next recommendations to the chancellor in July, so anyone wishing to put in his/her two cents' worth should contact the TFC at 797-5221.

The *Almagest* will relay information as it becomes available.

## Bronson facelift off to good start

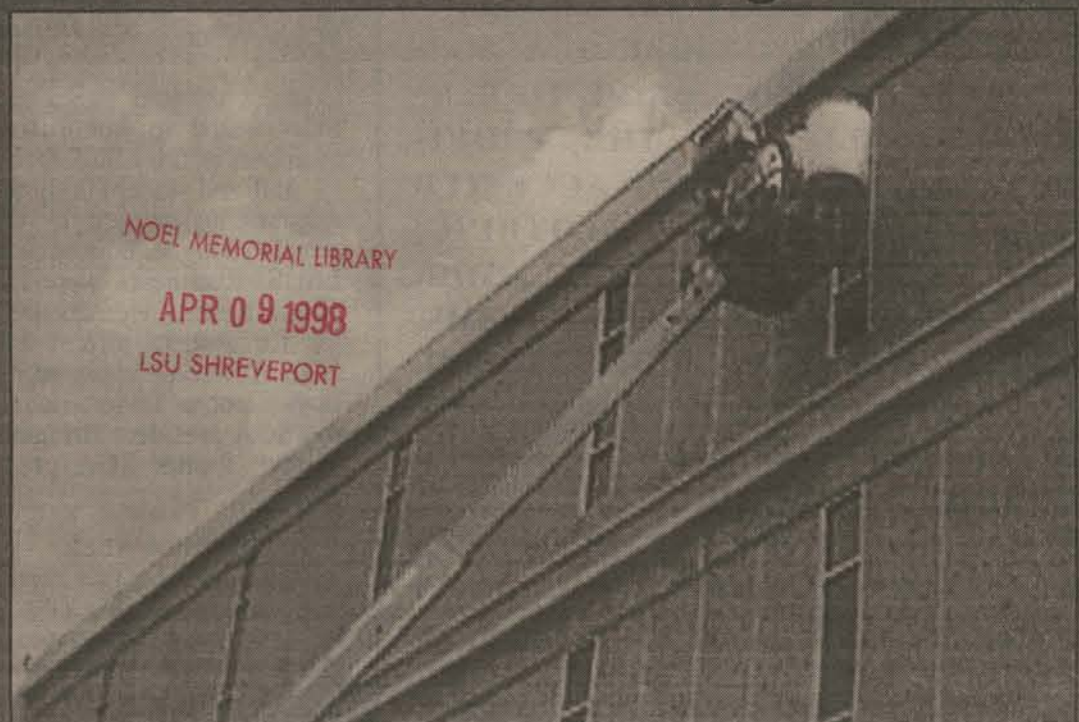


Photo by Kirk Dickey

Workers have been removing old caulking from the front of Bronson Hall. They will soon replace the old caulking with new sealer. The work is being done as a preventative measure, so that moisture does not get behind the wall facings and cause pieces to chip off. The entire building is scheduled to undergo this treatment. After Bronson Hall is finished, the work will likely shift to the Business Ed. Building.

## PRSSA gets sponsors for trip

Jay Biggs  
ALMAGEST

At least one campus organization will be sponsored at this year's Spring Fling, which will be held April 15 and 16 on the University Mall. The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will be sponsored by two local businesses, Champion Ford and Fertita's 6301 Restaurant.

Champion Ford will send a spokesperson, and both businesses will offer literature about themselves.

PRSSA will sell popcorn while trying to raise money for their organization. The purpose of raising the money is to help cover the costs of sending its members to an upcoming conference in Boston. PRSSA



Jaime Lyons

elected Jaime Lyons as its new president in January.

"Our goal is to ensure that all PRSSA members attend the function," Lyons said.

Lyons is optimistic in her new role as president. In the recent past members haven't been able to attend local conferences because of a lack of time and money. "The Boston conference is pretty big,"

Lyons said. Revenue generated from Spring Fling will help to ensure that members get there.

In addition to various organizations selling refreshments during Spring Fling, there will be live music. A different band will be featured on each day of the annual celebration.

Also, there will be fun competitions between students, and a new attraction called "The Kissing of the Pig," which will be sponsored by the Biology Club.

The PRSSA is the student branch of the Public Relations Society of America.

The Boston conference is the gathering together of students from around the country who wish to enter the field of public relations.

Page 2 — SGA holds annual end of year banquet

Page 3 — US Flag traditions

Page 4 — Free agents ruined the world of professional sports.

The Proficiency exam doesn't make any sense.

Page 5 — Students should rally against the proficiency exam.

Reggie White is not always a role model.

Page 6 — Pro Baseball is reviewed by Brian Allen.

Page 7 — Roofus



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**"MEET THE SGA," AT THEIR NEXT MEETING, ON MONDAY, APRIL 13 AT 6:30 PM IN THE DESOTO ROOM, UC. SEE WHO THE SENATORS YOU ELECTED ON ACTION. FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**THE AMERICAN HUMANICS ORGANIZATION IS SPONSORING A MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS DRIVE TO BENEFIT FAMILIES AT THE PROVIDENCE HOUSE. ITEMS ACCEPTED ARE AS FOLLOWS: CLOTHING, BABY ITEMS, CANNED FOOD, KITCHEN ITEMS, TOILETRY ITEMS, BOOKS, AND MOST OTHER THINGS. PLEASE DROP THESE OFF AT THE AMERICAN HUMANICS BOOTH DURING SPRING FLING. ENCOURAGE OTHER STUDENTS TO DROP THINGS OFF TOO. ALSO COME BY AND TAKE A CHANCE ON THE CHICKEN DROP.**

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES WILL HOST ITS 2ND ANNUAL PRE-CRAM JAM ON TUES., APRIL 28. CLEAR YOUR CALENDERS NOW. THE SAB WILL PROVIDE FOOD FROM COPELAND'S, SAVOIE'S, SEMOLINAS, KON-TIKI AND JASON'S DELI.**

## 4 YEARS OF COLLEGE AND YOUR BEST OFFER IS \$22,500 A YEAR!

Unfortunately for you, most employers in today's job market are in the driver's seat.

There are an abundance of candidates for a few positions...

Therefore, they don't have to pay big bucks!

We would like to pay you **\$450,000**, plus a job in the next three years!

We've got both the opportunity and the training to make those two things happen.

This is no multilevel marketing gimmick.

**This is for real!**

Call Chad Denton at 800-770-6488.

# SGA honors faculty, students

Howard Hart  
ALMAGEST

Regular business was suspended for the April 6 meeting of the LSUS Student Government Association. Officers and senators joined over a good meal and an easy conversation as the Kon Tiki Restaurant for a traditional banquet. Last year's officers bade their farewells; this year's officers were sworn in.

In an unusual move, the SGA voted to honor five members of the LSUS faculty, staff and student body for outstanding service in the pursuit of higher education at LSUS. Recipients were Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor for student affairs and SGA Advisor, and her secretary, Carolyn Taylor; outgoing SGA president Bridgette Wilder, former SGA presi-

dent, Mike Modica, and Shelby Keith, head of computing services and technology fee committee chairman. Nick Crafts, three-year veteran of the SGA, was named senator of the year.

SGA Vice President Ted McCastlain reminded the group that the next SGA meeting April 13, would also include food. It's to be a pizza-night, with free food for all students who attend. SGA meetings are open to all students and faculty members, and a free food-night is just the right idea one may need to come in and see LSUS student government at work. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m. in the DeSoto Room of the University Center.

Another upcoming event is the Faculty Council meeting on April 20, at 3 p.m. in the University Center Theater. The big item on the



Nick Crafts

agenda is a vote regarding the LSUS proficiency exam.

"A large turnout to this meeting by the student body will show the faculty to see how many students are interested, involved and care about what happens on our campus," McCastlain said. "It would help for the faculty to see how many students oppose the proficiency exam," he said.

## EARN

**\$750-\$1500/WEEK**

Raise all the money your group needs by sponsoring a VISA Fundraiser on your campus. No investment & very little time needed. There's no obligation, so why not call for information today? Call 1-800-323-8454 x 95

## TAKE A STUDY BREAK LEARN TO DANCE...

Six Weeks of Lessons  
in Latin Dance  
*Cha-Cha and Rumba*

Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
April 23 - May 28, 1998

\$4 per person per lesson  
\$2 for full-time students

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
275 Southfield Rd., Shreveport

Sponsored by USABDA  
Call 742-6193 or e-mail to  
joldham@prysm.net  
for more information.

## HELP WANTED

Men/Women earn \$375 weekly processing/assembly Medical I.D. Cards at home. Immediate openings, your local area.

Experience unnecessary, will train.

Call Medicard  
1-541-386-5290  
Ext. 118M

## FULL COURSE

**\$1,095**

(Register by May 31, 1998)

### TUITION INCLUDES:

- ▶ FREE TEXTBOOKS
- ▶ FREE FLASH CARDS
- ▶ FREE SOFTWARE

**CPA REVIEW**  
**CONVIER**  
**DUFFY**

**Only CPA Lecture Course**  
**With A**  
**MONEY BACK GUARANTEE**

- REGISTER WITH ZERO DOWN!
- GET MATERIALS IN ADVANCE!
- NO-FEE FINANCING!
- ATTEND THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TWO WEEKS FREE!

**FOR MORE INFO & FREE DEMO DISK**

**1-800-274-EXAM**

**AVAILABLE IN EAST TEXAS**



# US flag has many traditions, regulations

**Beverly Burden**  
**GUEST COLUMNIST**

Whether it is Spring or winter on our campus, there is a symbol of beauty that is with us all year... the beautiful United States and Louisiana flags that greet us as we turn off Youree Drive and enter the campus each day. So, since it is Spring, and we are enjoying other beautiful things on this campus, I thought I would share with you some American flag customs and etiquette I've gathered that you may or may not be aware of.

It is customary to fly the flag outdoors on all days when weather allows and on legal holidays and on other special occasions. The flag is generally flown from sunrise to sunset on outside flagpoles or on buildings. However, it may be flown at night on special occasions, but should be lighted.

There are several places where the flag is flown day and night. Among these are the Capitol in Washington D.C. and over Fort McHenry National Monument in Baltimore, where Francis Scott Key got the inspiration for The Star Spangled Banner.

The flag should be raised and lowered by hand and it should be unfurled before raising. It should also be raised quickly to the top of the flagstaff without stopping. When it is brought down in the evening, it should be lowered slowly and ceremoniously. It should never be allowed to touch anything below it, such as the floor or ground.

Flying the flag at half-staff is a sign of mourning. When flying the flag at half-staff, it should be raised

to the peak of the flagpole first, before being lowered to half-staff. When it is time to lower it again at the end of the day, it should be hoisted to the top of the flagpole again before being lowered.

No other national flag should be flown above the American flag.

When being carried in a procession with other flags, the American flag should be placed on the right in the front of the column.

In saluting the flag, men wearing hats should remove them and place them over the left shoulder, with the right hand over their heart. Those not wearing a hat should place their right hand over their heart. Those in Uniform should render a military salute.

It is customary to face the flag and salute it when: The flag is passing in a parade or review. Salute it when it passes.

During the ceremony raising or lowering the flag. When the National Anthem is played and the flag is present. (When the anthem is played and the flag is not displayed, you should face the direction of the music until the anthem is ended.)

During the pledge of Allegiance.

When the flag becomes damaged or worn out and it is no longer appropriate to display, it should be destroyed privately in a dignified way.

The flag should never be used for advertising purposes nor have advertising signs attached to its staff or halyard.

The flag should never be displayed union down except as a sign of distress.

The red in the flag symbolizes hardiness and



Photo by Chris Howell

courage. The white is a symbol of purity. And, the blue is the color of vigilance and justice.

Of course, there are more customs associated with our flag and its display than I've mentioned here, but these are a few of the more common ones.

## Heroin Addict

## Vandal

## Purse Snatcher

## Car Jacker

...all kicked out  
with the help  
of kids like me.  
-Billy, age 15

Everybody loves to trash teenagers, right?  
Maybe they don't realize that we do care.  
That we can make a difference.  
Get involved in Crime Prevention.  
Clean up parks. Teach younger kids.  
Start a school or neighborhood watch.  
And help make your community  
safer and better for everyone.  
Together, we can prove them wrong  
by doing something right.

Call Toll Free  
1-800-722-TEENS  
[www.weprevent.org](http://www.weprevent.org)

# SGA

## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW OFFICE:

Executive Branch:

**Nicholas J. Crafts** - President  
**Joseph McCastlain** - Vice-President

College Senators:

**Liesl Boniol** - Business  
**Eric Chrest** - Business  
**Stephanie Lavery** - Education  
**Lindsey Fertitta** - Liberal Arts  
**Mathew Stinson** - Liberal Arts  
**Karen Bradley** - Science  
**Benjamin Thomas** - Science

You're Invited To Their First Meeting On  
April 13 At 6:30 P.M. Free Food!  
Contact Your SGA at 797 - 5342.



# the **ALMAGEST**

*to keep the campus informed*

(al-ma-gest") n.

any of several great early medieval treatises on a branch of knowledge (as the 9th century Arabic translation of Ptolemy's Greek work on astronomy).

— Webster's Third New International Dictionary

**Kirk Dickey**  
News Editor

Office No. (318) 797-5328

Fax No. (318) 797-5132

e-mail:

almagest@pilot.lsus.edu

**Rita Uotila**  
Production Editor

**Jennifer Ebarb**  
Business Manager

Member: Southeastern  
Journalism Conference,  
American College Press  
Association, Columbia  
Scholastic Press  
Association

**John Tabor**  
Advisor

## Proficiency exam a waste

Where are the Proficiency Exam Results?

As a graduating senior, sand is running down fast in my hour glass, and I'm confident to say I'm not the only one who is more or less anxious to know the test results.

I'm quite sure that I did OK on the Proficiency Exam, but what if... It's been two years since I took Math121, fact which made me breeze through the math section like I was running from the wild fire. Much less I remembered from my chemistry lab experiments in high school. That makes me wonder... why am I so worried about these results. After all, I'm getting my diploma in Communications in May? Or am I?

First of all, the name should be changed to "LSUS Overall Math and General Knowledge Test." Taking it, I felt like I was trying out to be on "Jeopardy." Or maybe it should be "Math Skills Retention Test for All Majors." Not only we had to recall all of the math (I'd be lucky to even recognize my professor) but also complete more questions in less time. Is this fair?

We all know how much discipline math takes. Sure you do, all math courses start with the same mantra: "Math is like a foreign language, you have to do it every day." Thus, wouldn't it be fair and more accurate to say that after you have successfully completed a course saturated with linear equations and hyperbolas, and received your final grade, you should be pronounced proficient. If we are to know a minimum number of bolts, why isn't a departmental final exam given in Math121?

With the current system, many good grades go bad after the Proficiency Exam results are tallied. For instance, I did B's worth of brain-racking-aspirin-swallowing calculating during the course, but I'll be glad if I get a passing grade on this Proficiency Exam. The results are not only an inaccurate projection of students' skills, but the faculty as well, not to mention the university in general. This test incorporated, the university should consider seeking accreditation for new majors: Bachelor and Master in Memorization of Math.

If this test is SO important, why doesn't anyone — and I mean ANYONE — ask for the results? The university sends a mixed message to students of what exactly is considered important: one's grades measuring success and dedication to each subject matter at a time, or this marathon-multiple-bubble-scholastic-endurance-test (to my opinion proficiency in any subject cannot be measured with a multiple choice test of any scale) which leaves one brain-dead and miffed for a day. The real challenge in taking this test was to keep your eyes straight and hand steady while filling the 180-plus tiny bubbles.

So, unite my fellow students. In the past, we sat in for extended library hours, now it's time to prove ourselves again and come together Monday, April 20, at 3 p.m. for the Faculty Council Meeting at the University Center Theater in order to abolish this test which robs us from our money, our time, and our academic dignity.

Rita Uotila, editor

## Free agents ruined sports

G. K. Trusty  
FEATURE

IN THE PAST five years many sports organizations have come under great criticism for using free agency to strengthen their teams.

Organizations such as the Dallas Cowboys, San Francisco 49ers, New York Yankees and Florida Marlins won championships in their respective sports and have been bad-mouthed for going out and buying some very good — and very expensive — free agents.

Much of society believes this is the wrong way to go about winning championships; but if a good look is taken at the topic it can be proven that free agents really are just standing in the way.

First, take a look at the sport of basketball. In the past 15 years we have seen teams like the Los Angeles Lakers, Boston Celtics, Detroit Pistons and Chicago Bulls build dynasties and win two or three world championships in a row. Most of these teams had the same players from the year before. While these teams were winning championships, other teams were strengthening their squads with free agents. The Phoenix Suns, for example, were able to pick up Charles Barkley, Danny Manning and Danny Ainge from free agency, but when it was time for the Suns to perform with their powerhouse all-star team they failed. Another example would be the New York Knicks. This very capable squad had Patrick Ewing and John Starks already starting, but was able to pick up Larry Johnson by free agency. By the looks of it they were in store for a few world championships of their own, but like the Suns they failed.

Since 1989 only one team has truly been able to use the free agency to their advantage and that was the Houston Rockets. With the aid of aid of Clyde Drexler, the Rockets were able to win back-to-back championship titles, but since that the Rockets have gotten

old. Drexler and Barkley have lost a step in parts of their games and the team has had no luck in picking up younger talent to replace them.

The question might be asked, how do the Chicago Bulls win championships each year? Certainly not by free agency. Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen have been keys to that team for years. When the Bulls have had opportunities to pick up star-studded free agents they have turned them down to acquire young and upcoming players such as Steve Kerr, Ron Harper and Toni Kukoc.

Football is another fine example of how free agency can hurt a team. Since 1992 the Dallas Cowboys, San Francisco 49ers and Green Bay Packers have stood out as being the kings of the Super Bowl. Indeed they have and much of the public will say it was the result of free agency. What many people forget is the condition of these teams before they won those Super Bowls. The Cowboys drafted a young quarterback from UCLA who was not really working out, they had a small running back who could not gain any yardage and they had a new coach who was not getting the job done. Then Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Jimmy Johnson became true credits to the game and keys to the Cowboys success. San Francisco was winning Super Bowls in the '80s with the same system they have been using in the '90s. Quarterback throws to Jerry Rice. Touchdown. It did not matter whether it was Joe Montana or Steve Young, it worked and they won. Both the Cowboys and 49ers have picked up key free agents in recent years, but Deion Sanders, Charles Haley and Ken Norton, Jr., are not the kind of players to build your team around. Since being acquired, all three have either been injured or dropped in value. Green Bay appeared to be the next dynasty with their free agent collage of Andre Rison, Desmond Howard and Reggie White, but the year after they won the

Super Bowl, Rison and Howard left for other teams and Reggie White was plagued with injuries.

Finally, take a look at baseball. When the New York Yankees and the Florida Marlins won the World Series, it was assumed that free agents were the key to their success. A few of them might have been helpful, but there were many other teams that had better rosters than those two, that fell short of making "the Show." Atlanta, for the past four years, has thrived on its young pitching squad that has lead them to so many World Series attempts. Developing this pitching staff has given the organization more money to spend on big name talent like Fred McGriff and Kenny Lofton, but it was not until three years ago that the Braves won their first World Series. Now they seem to be struggling to even make it past the playoffs.

The truth is that free agents seem at the time to help an organization in their quest for championships, but in all honesty, they just get in the way. These free agents come to a new team for one thing only: the money. They don't move to a new team to broaden their horizons or lead a young team to the top, but because of money. Once they get it, they have a holier-than-thou attitude and it gets in the way of their game. The Florida Marlins won their World Series, not because of players like Gary Sheffield or Jeff Conine, but players like Edgar Renteria and Livan Hernandez. Of course, Sheffield and Conine played their parts, but when it came down to making the big plays it was the young kids who made the difference.

Michael Jordan has led the same team to five championships because he is a great player. That's all there is to it. Those great players will stand above any team put together with free agents, because they care about the game and not the money.



# The time to stand and fight is now at hand

By MaKayla Sibley

## ATTENTION! ALL STUDENTS MUST READ THIS!

**N**OW I KNOW ALL of you have heard one another talking about this farce called the Proficiency Exam. We all agree that it is stupid and unnecessary. (Ordinarily I do not like to use the word stupid, but sometimes you have to call them like you see them.)

The Southern Association of Colleges and Universities (the agency that accredits LSUS) states that some measure of proficiency must be performed; it does not say how. Some of the major universities and colleges in Louisiana use a grade of "C" or better as proof of proficiency (why didn't I think of that?), not the exam.

The Faculty Senate at LSUS will tell you the test also measures how well the teachers are doing their job. We already shell out hundreds of dollars each semester to this school, and now we have to pay another \$15 and give up a Saturday to make the administration feel better about their hiring abilities? I don't think so.

You have to have taken Math 121 (College Algebra) to take the exam, yet Calculus and



Trigonometry show up among the questions. There's not even a majority of faculty members that support it. Furthermore, the exam insults our intelligence, insinuates that all students have cheated their way to passing grades, and suggests that the teachers simply can't teach. At LSU

a grade of "C" or better signifies proficiency, but that's not good enough for LSUS. If the exam, not passing grades, measures mastery, then let's get rid of grades altogether.

O.K. Here's the deal. The time has come to tell the Faculty Senate we will not be insulted by the likes of you anymore. The time has come to end this battle once and for all. The time has come to put up or shut up. The time has come to shout, "We're not gonna take it anymore!" (Insert Twisted Sister music.) On Monday, April 20, at 3 p.m. in the U.C.'s auditorium, the Faculty Council will meet to discuss the Proficiency Exam. It is a public forum

and it is our final chance to kill the plague. It is time for the students of this college to once and for all unite together as one body. This is our only chance people. Petitions and formal grievances aren't working.

If we all do not show up at that meeting, ready to "bear arms" in great numbers, then it's all over. If you're not willing to show up for this meeting and fight for what you believe in, then quit bitching. It doesn't matter if you've already taken the exam; those of you who have taken it should know better than anyone the injustice we are all facing. It doesn't matter if you're a freshman or a senior; all able bodies are needed.

Some of you may be afraid to protest because of possible repercussions-DON'T BE! This is our school; this is our right! If you have class, skip; if you have to work, take off. This affects every last one of us and we must let our voices be heard.

The Faculty Council can override the Faculty Senate (i.e. those that brought us the test in the first place.) So all hope is not lost. I repeat-We must all band together and show at that meeting! My fellow students, there comes only a few times in a person's life when you can actually make a difference, and my friends, April 20 is one of those times. It's time to stand up and be heard. ARE YOU WITH ME?!!!

# Sports figures can't tell us what is right, wrong

By Stephen Smith

**A**S A SPORTS AFICIONADO, the power and level of influence that we grant professional athletes has always amazed me. As Americans, we pay exorbitant prices for tickets to sporting events, team jerseys, posters, and athletic shoes, but are outraged when we have to pay city or state taxes for street repair or improvements in our local schools.

I suppose it speaks to where the focus of our society lies when we are not obsessively seeking out another elected official's sexual history. Since we have placed the professional athlete on such a lofty perch in our society, we have also charged them to behave as such. However, when one of our heroes fails to live up to our expectations, we are always appalled.

Take for example, the comments made by Green Bay Packer Reggie White during a speech before the Wisconsin State Assembly on March 25. In what was intended by Assembly officials, who extended the invitation for White to speak, to be a 10-12 minute speech, he instead delivered a rambling one hour-long dissertation. White's comments and apparent world view offended many and may have made the foundation of his own lofty perch significantly more unstable.

In seeking to explain what constitutes his vision of the "complete image of God," the ordained minister said, "Blacks are gifted in worship and celebration and like to dance."

"Whites know how to tap into money better than a lot of people around the world."

"Hispanics can put 20 to 30 people in one home," and "Asians can turn a television into a wristwatch." White also referred to homosexuality as "one of the biggest" sins.

While White has a right to his opinions, the perception among many is that he used his position as a sports icon to air his views which have been referred to by responses ranging from "racist" to "homophobic." White asserts, "My whole point was to

let people know why it's important that we as races work together."

I think this may be a good time to let Mr. White know that he may be a bit confused. The whole point of diversity is to accept that our society

is composed of different elements and that each element contributes to the whole and must be respected.

Now I can only speak for myself, but White's comments really don't even border on anything that evokes unity of any kind. Stereotypes and disparate comments DO NOT bring people together, they drive them apart. Also, no matter what connotation comments such as these as used in,

they carry the same negative message. Companies such as Campbell Soup and Nike are now reconsidering having White endorse their products. Also, CBS-TV is now rather non-committal about having him as an analyst this fall when the NFL returns to their network after a long hiatus. Perhaps the most disturbing element to this whole farce is that some of the people who spoke on White's behalf either shared some of his views or defended him purely based on the fact that he is a "sports hero."

The best advice I can give to Mr. White is to stick to football, with his helmet on this time, and to keep his incredibly specious views to himself. To the rest of us, we really need to remember that while we may consider professional athletes as heroes and role models, maybe we should not invest them with the responsibility of being the moral conscience of our society. Events such as this should bring that point clearly into focus.

### LETTERS POLICY

*The Almagest* requests your reactions through Letters to the Editor. Letters should be typed and double spaced. Please include your class and major field of study.

Letters should be submitted to *The Almagest* office, BH 344, by noon on the Friday preceding the Thursday publication date. Obscene, libelous and anonymous letters will not be printed.

*The Almagest* reserves the right to edit letters.



# Brian's picks and pokes at pro baseball

**Brian Allen**  
**SPORTS COLUMNIST**

Well, the boys of summer have returned and the new season is off to a promising start. The Cubs are actually above the .500 mark (You know Harry's got to be doing that) and both expansion teams have posted their first victories weeks before the All-Star break.

All the sport needs is a commissioner and we'll be in business. You'll pardon me if I don't hold my breath. The sport of baseball will probably get rid of Bud Selig the same time it decides to put Pete Rose in the Hall of Fame.

Of course, Pete's got the WWF thing going so he's probably not too concerned. And for those who missed the Boston Fleet Center monologue, it was actually pretty funny. It didn't exactly enhance his standing with the powers-that-be, but when you're in the doghouse you might as well bite someone.

With the initial niceties out of the way, I'll hurl darts at the schedule and attempt to pick the division winners.

## American League

**AL East-** The Yankees seem to have too much talent to be able to screw this up. But give George Steinbrenner a fair chance. This division will go to the team that keeps their pitchers healthy, because both New York and Toronto have impressive hurlers. When you can send names like Roger Clemens and Pat Hentgen to the mound, two

or three runs per game should be sufficient.

**AL Central-** There's no reason the Indians shouldn't repeat. Their only serious challenge should come from the White Sox, who are still recovering from last year when owner Jerry Reinsdorf waved the white flag at the trading deadline. The Sox still have the Murderers Row combination of Belle, Thomas, and Ventura but until they prove they have the heart, they won't be able to stop the Indians.

**AL West-** This division will be fun. It's traditionally the division no one wants to win, with the Rangers, Angels, and Mariners playing dueling underachievers. I'll take the Mariners because they've got Ken Griffey, Jr. and because the Rangers and Angels do such a good job of packing in shortly after the All-Star Break.

## National League

**NL East:** Billionaire Ted has again made his team well nigh invulnerable, this time with the addition of Andres Galarraga. The Braves patch their holes quickly, which is why they're the odds-on favorites to be there in October. Their only competition should come from the Mets, who are young and talented but not nearly ready to unseat Atlanta. It's a shame the only team that could give the Braves a true challenge was scrapped for parts shortly after winning the World Series. We feel your pain, Jim Leyland.

**NL Central:** This one is up for grabs. Any team

except the Pirates can win it. The Brewers are adjusting well to their new surroundings, the Cubs are playing well, the Astros are the defending champs, and if the Cards can keep Mark McGwire healthy and get the majority of their pitching staff healthy again they should contend. One thing's

certain, this one won't get decided until September.

**NL West:** The Rockies are still the team to beat, and we're waiting to see about the Padres. I put the Dodgers on the same list with the Chisox, they seldom ever play up to their level of talent. The Giants are also on the questionable

list, you can predict a superstar season for Bonds, but beyond that there's no telling what will happen.

The best part of writing this is waiting to see who will prove me wrong first. After all, how much fun would the season be if everything went exactly as predicted?

FOR the EDUCATION and RESEARCH COMMUNITY



—Morningstar rating for  
the CREF Stock Account,  
CREF Global Equities Account,  
CREF Equity Index Account,  
and CREF Growth Account\*

**"...America's  
Top Pension Fund."**

—Money Magazine, January 1998

**AAA**

—S&P and Moody's  
rating for TIAA\*\*

*Your service  
bowled me over!*

—William Ravdin, TIAA-CREF Participant

## HIGH MARKS FROM MORNINGSTAR, S&P, MOODY'S, MONEY MAGAZINE AND BILL.

We take a lot of pride in gaining high marks from the major rating services. But the fact is, we're equally proud of the ratings we get every day from our participants. Because at TIAA-CREF, ensuring the financial futures of the education and research community is something that goes beyond stars and numbers.

We became the world's largest retirement organization by offering people a wide range of sound investments, a commitment to superior service, and

operating expenses that are among the lowest in the insurance and mutual fund industries!†

With TIAA-CREF, you'll get the right choices—and the dedication—to help you achieve a lifetime of financial goals. The leading experts agree. So does Bill.

Find out how TIAA-CREF can help you build a comfortable, financially secure tomorrow.

Visit our Web site at [www.tiaa-cref.org](http://www.tiaa-cref.org) or call us at 1 800 842-2776.



Ensuring the future  
for those who shape it.™

\* Source: Morningstar, Inc., January 31, 1998. Morningstar is an independent service that rates mutual funds and variable annuities. The top 10% of funds in an investment category receive five stars and the next 22.5% receive four stars. Morningstar proprietary ratings reflect historical risk-adjusted performance and are subject to change every month. They are calculated from the account's three-, five-, and ten-year average annual returns in excess of 90-day Treasury bill returns with appropriate fee adjustments, and a risk factor that reflects performance below 90-day T-bill returns. The overall star ratings referred to above are Morningstar's published ratings, which are weighted averages of its three-, five-, and ten-year ratings for periods ending January 31, 1998. The separate (unpublished) ratings for each of the periods are:

	CREF Stock Account	CREF Global Equities Account	CREF Equity Index Account	CREF Growth Account	CREF Bond Market Account	CREF Social Choice Account
Star Rating/ Number of Domestic Equity Accounts Rated	4/1,856	4/301	5/1,856	5/1,856	4/675	4/1,856
1-Year	4/1,856	4/301	5/1,856	5/1,856	4/675	4/1,856
5-Year	4/1,218	5/207	N/A	N/A	4/443	4/1,218
10-Year	5/612	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*\* These top ratings are based on TIAA's exceptional financial strength, claims-paying ability and overall operating performance. † Based on assets under management. ‡ Standard & Poor's Insurance Rating Analysis, 1997. Lippert Analytical Services, Inc., Lippert Director's Analytical Data, 1997 (Quarterly). CREF certificates and interests in the TIAA Real Estate Account are distributed by TIAA-CREF Individual and Institutional Services. For more complete information, including charges and expenses, call 1 800 842-2733, extension 5509, for the CREF and TIAA Real Estate Account prospectuses. Read them carefully before you invest or send money.

It's onset can be so subtle you don't notice it.

## IT CAN KILL YOU IF YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE IT.

Depression strikes millions indiscriminately. Depression is MOST dangerous when it goes unrecognized. Always be aware of the threat, and don't always believe everything you feel.

**UNTREATED  
DEPRESSION**  
#1 Cause of Suicide

Public Service message from SAIVE (Suicide Awareness/Voices of Education) <http://www.save.org>

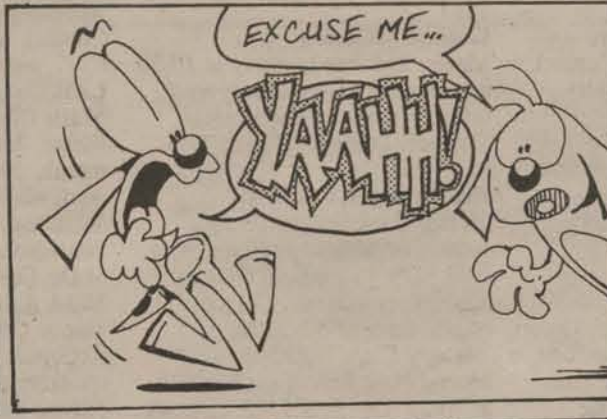
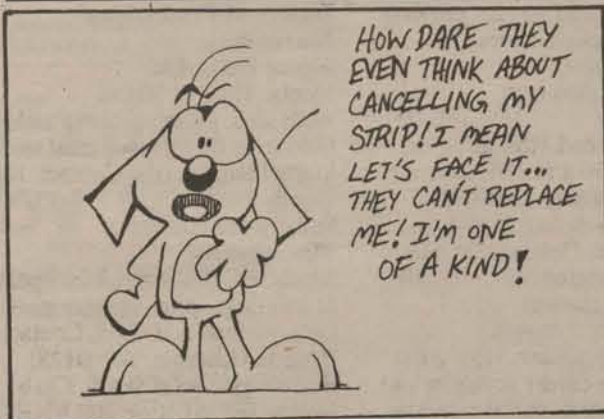




The strip formerly known as

**ROOFUS** BY BRAD CAMPBELL

WAITING FOR THE OTHER SHOE...



NEXT: REFLECTIONS ON REJECTIONS



## SPRING FLING 1998

Reggae Fest!!

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm-10pm

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm

University Center Mall Area



Wednesday Events: Band-Life in General,  
LIVE Big Dog Radio Remote, Gladiator Joust,  
4 in 1 event, Lunar Crawl, Kiddie Games, Food and Fun!!!

Thursday Events: Music Video Bingo,  
Live Big Dog Remote, Gladiator Joust, 4 in 1 event, Lunar  
Crawl, Food, and More Fun!!!

\*\*Spring Fling t-shirts will be available for \$5 each !\*\*

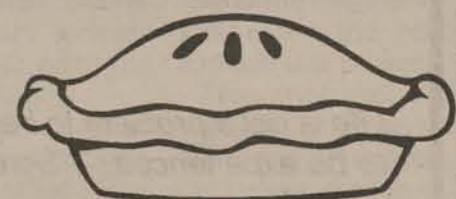
\*\*Student organizations, sign up for a booth to sell  
your fundraising items!!\*\*



Sponsored by:  
Student Activities  
Board



For more info,  
call 797-5393.





# CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

## Accounting Club

Meets: 3rd Wed. of each month, noon, BE216. Activities: speakers, networking, scholarships, volunteer tax assistance, campus activities. Contact: accounting dept., college of business.

## ACJS/Lambda Alpha Epsilon

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tue. Activities: various community activities, speakers on law enforcement ops. Contact: Dr. Bernadette Palombo 797-5343, or Richard Georgia 797-5078.

## ACM, Association for Computing Machinery

Meets: 3rd Thu of each month @ 10:30 in SC120. Activities: speakers, contests, social activities. Contact: Steve Noonan, 949-2831.

## AITP, Association of Information and Technical Professionals

Meets: 3rd Thu of each month @ 10:30 in SC120. Activities: speakers, scholarships, social activities. Contact: Rebecca Herzog, 861-6460.

## American Humanics

Meets: TBA. Contact: Betty Allen, 795-4230.

## Biology Club

Meets: twice a month, SC228. Activities: social events, career seminars, fundraisers, community and campus service projects.

Contact: Dr. Beverly Burden, 797-5088, bbrden@pilot.lsus.edu.

## Campus Ministry

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tue 10:30 a.m., UC Pilots Room.

Activities: devotionals, programs, service projects. Contact: Toni Bishop, 798-8837 Betsy Eaves, 869-5024.

## Catholic Student Union

Meets: Twice a month Activities: community service, social events, fundraisers. Contact: Joseph Holubek, 868-6104.

## Colleagues

Meets: Twice a month, @10:30 a.m. in UC, Webster, dates TBA. Activities: community Service, Social events, fundraisers, campus service projects, raising funds for a minority scholarship. Contact: Tamara Flentroy, 797-5393, or 635-5686. Open to everyone.

## Chemistry Club

Meets: 1st Thu of each month. Activities: group. Contact: Dr. Gustavson, 797-5091.

## Drama Club

Meets: Tue, Thu, 10:30 a.m., BH330. Activities: dramatic production, first hand information on auditions in local productions, volunteer work. Contact: Jorgi Jarzabek, 797-5228.

## English Club

Meets: 3rd Thu of each month. Activities: booksale, guest speakers, social activities.

Contact: Dr. Thomas Dubose, BH251, or Patty Lenox, 869-3251.

## Golden Z Club

Meets: 2nd Tue monthly at 10:30 a.m. Activities: volunteer work, tutoring, community projects. Contact: Timothy Chia at 795-3372.

## Health and P.E. Club

Meets: Tue&Thu 10:30 a.m. Activities: almost anything goes for LSUS, judge field days for elementary schools. Contact: Maxie Foster, 797-7294.

## History Club

Meets: First Thu of each month, at 10:30 a.m. in BH446. Contact: Dr. Finley or Michael Modica, 747-4736.

## International Club

Meets: 1st Thu of each month, 10:30 a.m., in BH236. Activities: guest speakers, films, travel and foreign exchange information, International Food Festival, community service. Contact: Joe Patrick, 797-5390.

## Japanese Cultural Society

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tue of each month. Activities: demonstrations, discussions. Contact: Emi Wamsley, 861-7482, BH238, BH240.

## Louisiana Association of Educators, LAESP

Meets: 1st&3rd Thu of each month. Activities: student teacher tea, speakers, bookfair, workshops, and service projects. Contact: Melissa Jones, 746-0597, e-mail: LAESP@yahoo.com

## Math Club

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tue of each month, 10:30 a.m., BH405.

Activities: group activities, Science Olympiad, Viro-Wars Tournament. Contact: Dr. Mabry or Dr. Covington.

## MBA Association

Meets: Once a month Activities: seminars with guest speakers on career planning and resume writing, social activities. Contact: director of graduate studies, college of business.

## Psychology Club

Meets: 1st and 3rd Thu monthly, 10:30, BE342. Activities: community service, social events, speakers, fundraisers. Contact: Michelle Hebert, 798-4023.

## Public Relations Student Society of America

Meets: monthly, Thu, 10:30a.m. Activities: Volunteer work, contact with PRSA, seminars, speakers, workshops. Contact: 797-5375.

## Rotorac

Meets: two meetings per month. Activities: students service organization, one service project per semester, luncheons. Contact: Dr. Paul Merkle, 797-5240.

## Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi

Meets: Thu, 10:30a.m. Activities: guest speakers and field trips on topics related to journalism, socials. Contact: Rita Uotila, 795-3319, or 797-5328.

## Society for Resource Management

Meets: BE104. Activities: speaker meetings, prof. chapter meetings, various activities. Contact: Brigitte Gillespie, 868-0128.

## Sociology/Social Work Club

Meets: BH361. Contact: Ms. Kenna Franklin or David O'Neal, 424-7332.

## Students for Free Enterprise (SIFE)

Meets: Thu @10:30 a.m.. Activities: teaching junior achievement. Contact: Cynthia O'Hare, 742-9357.

## Student Government Association, SGA

Meets: every Mon 6:30 p.m., DeSoto. Open to everyone. Contact: Bridgette Wilder, 797-5342.



## APRIL EVENTS:

### Win A Front Row Parking Space

April 1 - 20. Tickets: \$1. Purchase Tickets From Any SGA Representative.

### Free Food! April 13 At 6:30 P.M.

Help Welcome Your New Senators To Their First Meeting. Free Pizza And Drinks In The Desoto Room.

### Win \$100! Recycling Drive

April 16 8:00-3:00 P.M. In UC Parking Lot. Organizations Can Win up To \$100!

*Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced. -- Soren Kirkegaard*

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

**April 10-11 — Easter Holiday. University offices closed**

**April 15 — Spring Fling '98. Festivities will include live music by Life In General.**

**April 16 — Spring Fling '98 continues. Live remote with The Big Dog. Games include lunar crawl, Joust and the 4-1 event.**

**April 18 — The Shreveport Metropolitan Concert Band at LSUS will perform at 11 a.m. in Hoban Hall on Barksdale Air Force Base. Music from Wizard of Oz and Count Basie Salute.**

**April 20 — Faculty Council Meeting at 3 p.m. in the UC Theater. Proficiency Exam Special Session. STUDENTS, BE THERE!!!**

**April 23 — Baseball: home game Pilots vs. William Carey College @ 2 p.m.**

**May 2 — Classes end**

**May 4- 8— FINALS**

**May 9 — Rest**